LETTER TO COMMISSION

NO. LTC # 215-2013

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

June 21, 2013

SUBJECT City of Miami Beach Nurse Initiative

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to update the Mayor and Commission on the status of the City's Nurse Initiative, and the most recent commitment by the Children's Trust of \$98,767 (attached) to further enhance our efforts to bring a complete Health Connect in our Schools (HCIOS) suite to North Beach Elementary, Treasure Island Elementary, and Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center.

As of May 2013, each of our neighboring municipalities has committed proportionate funding for the full-time registered nurse as follows: Town of Surfside \$7,222, Town of Bay Harbor Islands \$7,222, Bal Harbour Village \$7,222, and North Bay Village \$12,999. Additionally, the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce committed funds to support this effort through an award of \$30,000 from AETNA and a South Florida Health Foundation grant match based on municipal commitments of \$65,000.

Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Organizational Development, represented the City of Miami Beach at multiple neighboring municipal Commission/Council meetings and met with municipal managers throughout the past few months. Most recently, she met with the Children's Trust to discuss the partnership and implementation of this initiative. Following the meeting, the Children's Trust expressed an interest in joining our effort and committed an additional one-time match of \$98,767 for the 2013-14 school year. The additional funds expand our nurse initiative to allow for a complete HCIOS suite, where each of the participating schools will have a medical assistant on-site full-time and the municipal funded shared registered nurse will rotate to each of the three schools.

As a result of the City's Education Compact established in January 2008, the recent 2012 Community Satisfaction Survey indicated that 91% of residents who have children in public schools are very satisfied or satisfied with Miami Beach public schools compared to 51% of residents with children in public schools in 2007. The City of Miami Beach has made a significant impact throughout the entire county as the Compact between the City and the School Board is a model of how a City can strengthen the relationship between schools and community.

Through our Education Compact, we will continue to support our strategic outcome to Enhance Learning Opportunities for Youth.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

## KGB/LDR

CC: Executive Staff

Ronald J. Wasson, Town Manager, Town of Bay Harbor Islands

Michael Crotty, Town Manager, Town of Surfside

Jay Smith, Interim Village Manager Bal Harbour Village Jenice Rosado, Interim Village Manager, North Bay Village

Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld

Attachment



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County Attorney's Office Legal Counsel Ms. Leslie Rosenfeld City of Miami Beach 1700 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Leslie,

Firstly, a heart-felt thank you for your commitment to making the Miami Beach Health Task Force's initiative a reality. It was my pleasure meeting with you to discuss the most effective ways to staff the three health suites and meet program and statutory requirements of our HealthConnect in Our Schools (HCiOS) program and the Florida School Health law. In honoring your interests to cover the remaining Miami Beach schools equitably, our determination to offer all of students the same standard of healthcare through HealthConnect and the state's service and reporting demands, I am convinced that we will agree to satisfy all issues.

HCiOS provides a variety of services, including but not limited to: Florida State mandated screenings and assessments with follow-up as appropriate; comprehensive health education; a system for dealing with crisis medical situations and administering of medications in school; access to primary health care; connection to medical homes and mental health/behavioral services in the community. The only way to fulfill these mandated services is to staff each school with one full time Medical Assistant. In addition, one full time Nurse will be assigned to rotate among the three schools.

I understand your desire to stretch the funds collected to be able to extend the health services for two years. However, we cannot deviate from our minimum service standards. Subsequent to the open discussion we held with you last week, our HCiOS administrative team and I met to evaluate the situation. Based upon our assessments, we would need to budget at least \$95,000 in order to meet the HealthConnect in Our Schools' requirements. As you can see from the attached spreadsheet, we are willing to match 104% of your dollars to ensure we have adequate staffing at each site. As indicated during our meeting, this is a one-time match as we are in the process of

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revising our model and rebidding our school health initiative. I suggest we hold a brief conference call as soon as possible to finalize the plan this week. Please call my assistant, Gladys Molinares, at Extension 233 to schedule a conference call with us. Again, thank you for advocating on behalf of the children of Miami Beach. I look forward to the continued success of our partnership for children through this collaboration.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Gorski, M.D., M.P.A.

Chief Health and Child Development Officer

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